

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 838 - HB 962

February 12, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to grant a high school student credit for a course in which the student is not enrolled if the student attains a qualifying score on the course's final exam. Requires an LEA to provide each high school student the opportunity to take a final exam for any course each semester in which the LEA offers a course for which the LEA has developed a final exam, and if a qualifying score is met, to count the score on the student's overall grade point average. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop guidance for LEAs to use when setting qualifying scores for final exams by July 1, 2023. Establishes certain reporting requirements for LEAs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- LEAs already have the authority to award course credit to students who have demonstrated proficiency in Tennessee Academic Standards without the administration of a statewide standardized assessment.
- The proposed legislation does not require an LEA to develop new final exams for any courses. LEAs will be able to allow students to take existing final exams pursuant to this section, grant credit for the course and count qualifying scores toward a students' grade point average, and comply with reporting requirements within existing resources.
- DOE will be able to develop guidance for LEAs during the normal course of business. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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